

President Bush. Man, you represented the entire press corps there; that's good. [Laughter] We talked about energy, and we talked about our need to work through the recent history that we've had together on dealing with proliferation matters.

Secondly, in terms of Kashmir and Palestine, Kashmir issue will be solved when two leaders decide to solve it. And we want to help. The United States can't force nations to reach an agreement just because we want there to be an agreement. Lasting agreements occur when leaders of nations say, "Let's get the past behind us, and let's move forward."

I am encouraged by the meetings that the President and the Prime Minister of India have had. It is an indication that there is desire at the leadership level to solve this long-standing problem.

Leadership is also going to be required between Israel and Palestine. We, of course, can help and will help. But it's important for you to understand that we cannot impose peace. We can help create the conditions for peace to occur. We can lay out vision. We can talk to world leaders, and we do. We can provide aid to help institutional building so that a democracy can flourish.

But, ultimately, peace, long-standing peace depends upon the will of leaders. I'm impressed by this President's will to get something done in Kashmir. He and I have talked about this issue in the past. He has said he was going to reach out to the Prime Minister of India, and he has. And our hope is that this process continues forward.

I asked the President, just like I would ask the Prime Minister of India, what can we do to help. What would you like the United States to do to facilitate an agreement? Would you like us to get out of the way? Would you like us not to show up? Would you like us to be actively involved? How can we help you, if you so desire, achieve peace? And that's the role of the United States, as far as I'm concerned.

President Musharraf. Thank you. I think I've already answered. We've had far-reaching discussion encompassing bilateral issues, regional, and international. I think we have general consensus on all issues.

President Bush. Thank you, Mr. President. Good job.

President Musharraf. Thank you.

President Bush. Buy the book. [Laughter]

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 10:21 a.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Sehba Musharraf, wife of President Musharraf; Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India; President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan; and former Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage.

Statement on Senate Confirmation of Kenneth Wainstein To Be Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the Department of Justice *September 22, 2006*

I am pleased the Senate has confirmed Kenneth Wainstein as the first Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the Department of Justice. As head of this new division, Ken will bring together our national security, counterterrorism, counter-espionage, and foreign intelligence surveillance litigation under one Assistant Attorney General. Ken is an effective leader, who will play an important role in our efforts to combat terrorism.

Ken's confirmation fulfills one of the critical recommendations of the WMD Commission and further strengthens our ability to protect all Americans.

I urge the Senate to give all my nominees a prompt up-or-down vote.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the President had separate meetings with President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador, President Manuel Zelaya Rosales of Honduras, and President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of Tanzania.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee reception.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Ukraine to attend the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the tragedy in Babyn Yar on September 27: Margaret Spellings (head of delegation); William B. Taylor, Jr.; Gregg Rickman; Fred S. Zeidman; and Vincent Obsitnik.

September 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the United Nations headquarters, he met with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He then met with Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa of Bahrain, President of the 61st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In the afternoon, at the United Nations headquarters, the President participated in a roundtable discussion on democracy with other heads of state and leaders of non-governmental organizations.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan and President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to the White House on September 27.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark J. Warshawsky and Dana K. Bilyeu to be members of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation: Kay Kelley Arnold (Public Representative); Gary C. Bryner (Public Representative); Thomas Joseph Dodd (Public Representative); Hector E. Morales (Government Representative); John P. Salazar (Public Representative); Thomas

A. Shannon, Jr., (Government Representative); and Jack Vaughn (Public Representative).

The President announced his intention to designate Sylvester J. Schieber as Chairman of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Jack Vaughn as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

September 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, he met with members of the U.S. mission to the United Nations. He then participated in an interview with Wolf Blitzer of CNN.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

September 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. He then traveled to Tampa, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Zach Bonner.

Later in the morning, the President visited the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers training facility.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Feld.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Curtis S. Chin to be U.S. Director of the Asian Development Bank with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven R. Chealander to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board (Qualified).

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald Spogli to be Ambassador to San Marino.

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig Stapleton to be Ambassador to Monaco.

The President announced his intention to designate Paul J. Hutter as Acting General

Counsel of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in separate photo opportunities with 2006 National Spelling Bee champion Katharine “Kerry” Close and the 2006 Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Stacey Walker and regional finalists Kelly Barefield, Alyse Eady, Montorie Lee, and David Shelly.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients.

In the evening, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the musical drama “Asleep at the Wheel: A Ride With Bob.”

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding, including severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto, from August 29 to September 7.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 20

Kay Kelley Arnold,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (re-appointment).

Dana K. Bilyeu,
of Nevada, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010, vice Gerald M. Shea, term expired.

Barbara Boxer,
of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Gary C. Bryner,
of Utah, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Nancy Dorn, term expired.

Norman B. Coleman,
of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Thomas Joseph Dodd,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Nadine Hogan.

Cecil E. Floyd,
of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Hector E. Morales,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2010, vice Jose A. Fourquet, resigned.

John P. Salazar,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012, vice Anita Perez Ferguson.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr.,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012, vice Roger Francisco Noriega.

Jack Vaughn,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012 (re-appointment).